

[Translation]

Smuggling of Gold

1605. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :
 SHRI RAM SAGAR :
 SHRI T. GOVINDAN :
 SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH :
 DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether gold is being smuggled into the country in large quantity;
 (b) if so, the approximate quantum of gold is being smuggled into the country each year and the assessed market value thereof;
 (c) the quantum of gold seized during the last two years, till date and the value thereof; and
 (d) the steps taken by the Government to check gold smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Intelligence available and seizures effected do not indicate large scale smuggling of gold into the country. There are no official estimates regarding the quantum of gold being smuggled into India. However, as per estimates published in "Gold Field Mineral Services", published in U.K. in 1997, the quantum and value of gold smuggled in the last two years are as follows:-

Year	(Quantity in Tonnes)	Value (Rs. in Crores)
1995	128	6201
1996	109	5657

(c) The details of gold during the last two years till date are as follows :-

Year	Quantity (in Kgs.)	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1995-96	1148	5676
1996-97	1033	5323
1997-98 (till 30.6.97) (figure is provisional)	304	1343

(d) Field formations are alert to prevent and detect smuggling including smuggling of gold. Specific measures taken include targetting of intelligence, deployment of Colour Baggage X-ray machines at Ports, Airports & land custom stations and further liberalisation of gold imports allowing import upto 10 kgs of gold to eligible passengers.

Production of Textiles

1606. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
 SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been constant increase in the production of textile in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the quantum of textile produced during each of last three years by mill sector, powerloom sector and handloom sector, separately and the value thereof; and

(c) the total foreign exchange earned through export of textile by each sector during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantum of textiles produced during each of the last 3 years by mill sector, powerloom Sector and Handloom Sector have been as under:-

Year	SECTORS (ML Sq. Mtrs.)		
	Mill (Quantity)	Powerloom (Quantity)	Handloom (Quantity)
1994-95	2,271	15,976	6,180
1995-96	2,019	17,201	7,202
1996-97 (Prov)	1,886	19,596	7,301

(Exact value can not be estimated)

(c) A Statement is attached.

Statement

Foreign Exchange Earnings by Mill, Powerloom and Handloom Sectors during the last three years

THE PRODUCT WISE EXPORT TEXTILES

A. COTTON TEXTILES		(Value Million Kg.)		
		Mill	Powerloom	Handloom
1994-95	Fabric	12009.44	14045.64	3179.59
	Made-Ups	36,53.58	13632.47	11794.02
1995-96	Fabric	14512.12	16574.98	2553.04
	Made-Ups	4883.36	16100.05	12358.32
1996-97	Fabric	15771.87	20139.86	2548.53
	Made-Ups	5567.67	20223.73	15040.44

B. SYNTHETIC TEXTILES (Value in Rupees)

	Mill Made and Powerloom	Handloom
1994-95	24510.34	124.76
1995-96	31033.27	60.73
1996-97	31953.68	207.42

C. WOLLEN TEXTILES

	Mill and Powerloom	Handloom
1994-95	4513.65	861.65
1995-96	6250.69	356.61
1996-97	10063.59	304.21

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Non Banking Finance Companies

1607. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :

SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE :

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether in a bid to avoid mandatory registration with the Reserve Bank of India, (RBI), several dubious Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) merged with manufacturing units within their group and also a number of companies are non-functioning;

(d) if so, the names of these NBFCs; and

(c) whether the Government propose to lay on the Table of the House a list identifying these NBFCs, which got themselves registered with the R.B.I.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that they do not have any specific information about NBFCs getting merged with manufacturing units within their group.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Reserve Bank of India have reported that as many as 37,478 companies have applied for a certificate of Registration. Preliminary scrutiny and processing of the application has been initiated by RBI.

World Bank Loan

1608. SHRI D. P. YADAV : Will the Minister for the State in the Ministry of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) total loan of World Bank outstanding against India, as on date;

(b) whether due to the inflation it is increasing day by day and it is more than the per capita income; and

(c) if so, the effective steps taken by the Government to reduce this loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The total loan of the World Bank (including non-government loans) outstanding against India as on 30.6.97 is as under :-

	(in Rupees Crores)
IBRD	31,880
IDA	63,587
Total	95,587

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Does not arise.

Dumping Activities

1609. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received increasing number of complaints of dumping activities;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints received investigated during each of the last three years;

(c) the details of measures taken to establish a strong and efficient Administrative Agency to look into the complaints and carry out regulatory activities effectively; and

(d) the details of most significant achievements of the Anti-Dumping Authority during 1996-97 and the position of complaints under investigation, particularly for Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b) The details of the complaints investigated during the last three years are given in the attached Statement.

(c) and (d) With a view to establish a strong and efficient machinery to look into the petitions for imposition of Anti-Dumping and other Duties, the Government is contemplating setting up a Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties. The Anti-dumping system is not envisaged for any particular state but for the entire domestic industry.

Statement

Anti dumping cases initiated in India against overseas suppliers

1994-95

Products	Country	Date of Initiation	Remarks
1	2	3	4
1. Potassium Permanganate	China	30.12.94	Final Duty Imposed on 5.9.95